

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. In a commercial truck apparatus having a cab and a flatbed, and a space between the cab and flatbed, the improvement comprising: an auxiliary fuel tank mounted on a frame of the truck apparatus within the space between the cab and the flatbed; a sleeper unit positioned on, and supported by, the auxiliary fuel tank, the sleeper unit adapted for being accessed directly from the cab; and a picker crane mounted on the frame of the truck behind the auxiliary fuel tank and the sleeper unit and within the space between the cab and the flatbed.
- 10 2. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a pair of auxiliary compartments mounted in spaced apart positions lateral to the auxiliary fuel tank and below the sleeper unit.
3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the auxiliary compartments provide access doors accessible from the side of the truck apparatus.
- 15 4. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a lateral stabilizer positioned on at least one side of the picker crane.
5. In a commercial truck apparatus having a cab and a flatbed the improvement comprising: a sleeper unit positioned to the rear of the cab; and a picker crane mounted on a frame of the truck behind the sleeper unit.
- 20 6. The apparatus of claim 5 further comprising at least one auxiliary fuel tank.
7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the at least one auxiliary fuel tank is positioned below the sleeper unit.
8. The apparatus of claim 5 further comprising at least one auxiliary compartment mounted lateral to the at least one auxiliary fuel tank and below the sleeper unit.
- 25 9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the at least one auxiliary compartment provides an access door accessible from the side of the truck apparatus.
10. The apparatus of claim 5 further comprising a lateral stabilizer positioned on at least one side of the picker crane.

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